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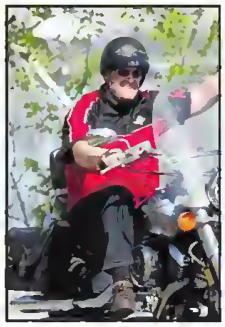

Ride for Dad starts at Legion 31

Alice and friends visit museum

BARBARA WORTHY/SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

Shonesee Devereaux as the White Rabbit and her friend Jolien Koole from St. Catharines get into the spirit of Down the Hole, an Alice in Wonderland-themed event at the Niagara Historical Museum Friday. For story see page 18.

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PENNY COLES/NIAGARA ADVANCE

There will be lots to do in the village of Queenston Saturday, June 18 as Laura Secord Day is celebrated with a village fair. Fred Sentineal will be offering carriage rides, Lord Mayor Pat Darte wil be reading the proclamation, Kathy Thomas, one of the organizers, is working on the dog show, an old-time car show - Rob Copeland's truck will be on display - and a hat show, while Caroline McCormack, president of the Friends of Laura Secord, is working to pull all the events together throughout the village.

Queenston to be beehive of activity on Secord Day

PENNY COLES
Niagara Advance

The inaugural re-enactment of the 1813 walk of Laura Secord was an event that would be hard to top, but Caroline McCormick, great-great-great-grand-daughter of Laura Secord and president of the Friends of Laura Secord, keeps trying.

She is determined the Canadian heroine will be remembered and celebrated, and along with the third annual Secord walk, is helping to organize a Queenston fair in commemoration of all that occurred that June day 200 years ago.

The town council recently agreed the third Saturday in June would be proclaimed Laura Secord Day, to recognize the woman "whose courageous acts on June 22, 1813, changed the course of Canadian history."

Her story also highlights the "important contributions of women, aboriginal peoples and everyday citizens to Canada's emerging sovereignty and ultimate nationhood," and her contribution played a "significant role in defining our nation," the proclamation reads.

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Shows for old-time cars, hats, dogs and memorabilia at the fair

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It will be read at the old-time village fair Saturday, June 18, an event that is intended to focus attention on the historic village and Laura Secord, said McCormick.

There are many events planned for the fair, and as the day grows closer the list will likely grow longer. It will encompass the five public locations in the village - the Laura Secord Homestead, the Mackenzie Heritage Printery, the Queenston Library, Willowbank School of Restoration Arts, RiverBrink Art Museum, and the park that was the playground for the former Laura Secord Memorial School, now a campus of Willowbank - a park many, including McCormick, hope will one day be named after the local heroine.

At the various locations throughout the day there will be horse and carriage rides, an old-time car show, vendors, a Laura's Treasures table, activities for kids organized by the NOTL Sparks and Brownies, historical displays, music, demonstrations, a treasure hunt, a dog show, a hat show, and other events.

McCormick is encouraging businesses throughout NOTL to celebrate the national heroine and take advantage of the opportunity it could provide for their business - name something after Laura Secord, she suggests. A Secord Sip, a Laura Lunch, a Secord Sandwich are just a few of the specials she hopes to hear about.

Beau Chapeau from Queen St. is offering a gift card for the winner of the hat show, and Loeb lavender is providing something lavender-related to sell, says McCormick.

"Any business that wants to be involved can have some fun with this. Really it's as simple as naming some product or item on a menu after Laura Secord, just for this newly-proclaimed heroine's day."

There will be a display of all things Laura Secord at the Queenston Library - McCormick asks anyone who has memorabilia to display to drop it off.

Also at the Queenston Library will be old photos, paintings or any memorabilia that traces the history of the village for Queenston, Then and Now.

Anyone looking for more information, or with something to drop off items to sell as Laura's Treasures, or memorabilia for the displays of Queenston history or Laura Secord, call Kathy Thomas, one of the organizers, at 289-271-7787.

Lord Mayor Pat Darte will be on hand at the homestead at 1 p.m. to read the proclamation.

Volunteers are needed on the day of the events for several different activities, including judging and sales, to organize some activities, or to dress as costumed strollers to provide atmosphere and promote the history of the area.

Also to be introduced that day is a language card, produced by the Friends of Laura Secord, telling the story of who she was and what she accomplished.

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Committee working toward health hub

SUZANNE MASON
Special to the Advance

Two town-owned properties have been identified as the best locations to build a one-stop community healthcare hub in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

That was the recommendation from a steering committee that was formed three years ago to look into options for housing the town's doctors and other health care providers along with a range of medical services such as X-rays, a laboratory, mental health services, palliative care, and medical specialists in various fields.

Brenda Jones, who chairs the healthcare steering committee, told town council Monday that the original list of nine potential sites has now been narrowed down to four. She said the preferred sites are at the community centre or on the piece of land retained by the town after the sale of the former public high school property for a private school on Niagara Stone Rd.

The committee has partnered with the Goodman School of Business at Brock University to create a business plan for the process, operation and estimated cost of the facility.

"Community hubs provide a central access point for a range of needed health and clinical services, along with cultural, recreational and green spaces to nourish community life," said Jones in a report to council. "The community health hub would be specific to the residents of Niagara-on-the-Lake."

Jones said a community meeting will be held to get input from local residents on June 15 at 7 p.m. at the community centre and letters are being sent to potential tenants in various medical fields.

She said there are at least 70 community health care hubs operating across the province. The executive director of the Langs Wellness Centre in Cambridge, Bill Davidson, will be assisting the steering committee with its work.

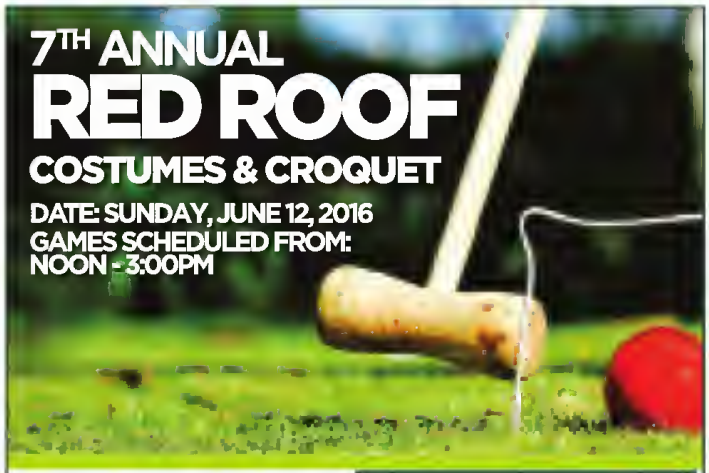
Davidson told council that a community hub is a cost-effective way to provide quality services to residents in their own community. He said it would also help the town in attracting and retaining residents.

"I see it as quite innovative," said Davidson. "Niagara-on-the-Lake is well-positioned to be one of those leaders in the province."

The steering committee is looking at a similar model to the Cambridge facility that is not-for-profit, self-sustaining and funded by community partners.

Coun. Terry Flynn acknowledged that bringing public and private health care providers together under one roof is a complex process, but he added "I think the timing is right."

Town staff will visit the Cambridge facility and report back to council.



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Council agrees to support art in public spaces

SUZANNE MASON
Niagara Advance

A Niagara-on-the-Lake councillor would like to see more works of art displayed in public spaces around the town that would be partially funded by art-loving residents.

Coun. Betty Disero called for the creation of a public art fund Monday and she also wants the town to spend at least one per cent of its annual budget on art-related items.

She told council Monday that the performing arts and culinary and wine arts are already abundant in the community, but "we need to give a push" to providing more visual arts, such as paintings and sculptures.

"Public art creates spaces that improve the quality of life for its residents and visitors," Disero's motion read. "And... quality of life is one of the tools used in any economic development policies by municipalities."

She said some residents have already expressed an interest in financially contributing to the acquisition of art work. Disero also asked town staff to look into whether they could be given a tax receipt for donations and what other municipalities in the province are doing regarding the provision of art work.

She said the town may already be contributing one per cent or more of its budget toward visual arts through its discretionary grants program to various agencies, but a staff report will determine the actual amount.

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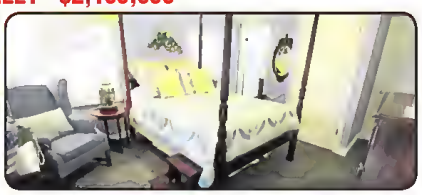

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Point of View

Dawn of new age for seniors

Today's older adults are different than yesteryear's senior citizens. It is the dawn of a new age.

How do these statements relate to seizing the opportunity for local community and economic development in Niagara?

Reflect for a moment on your community and your circle of family and friends and you will see this new age for yourself. Most of today's older adults are increasingly well and active; living longer; providing valued support to their families; contributing their life experience and expertise to the community through their volunteer work; making donations to worthy causes in greater numbers than other age groups; significant consumers in the local economy.

A group of older adults who typify this unprecedented new age reality have formed the Niagara Age-Friendly Community Network. These volunteers are mostly retired and are now partnering with community stakeholders to promote an Age-Friendly Niagara — a community for all ages. A community that features many amenities within walking distance, walking and cycling trails with benches and washrooms, affordable transit within and between municipalities, signs with large print, convenient curb cuts at intersections and parking lots and a lot of intergenerational interaction is a community that is age-friendly and one that meets the needs of all generations.

The Age-Friendly Community Network, originally funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation in 2009, has raised awareness across Niagara about the World Health Organization's age-friendly community domains, some of which are respect and social inclusion, civic participation, and age-appropriate housing, outdoor spaces and buildings and transportation.

In 2015 the Network launched the Niagara Aging Strategy and Action Plan compiled with input from approximately 500 individuals from across Niagara that included older adults and stakeholders from public services and businesses.

This Aging Strategy has five goals that outline more than 100 potential actions. The goals range from fostering an active and positive lifestyle that reflects this new age to improving access to health and wellness services to support aging at home.

Firstly, for implementation of the strategy, the network leaders have identified community champions for the five goals. For example, recreation and leisure studies students at Brock University and Niagara College have collaborated on conducting focus groups of older adults and service providers in Thorold and Welland to assess the needs of this new age of older adults with respect to active and positive lifestyles.

Secondly, the network leaders are making presentations to all 13 municipal councils in Niagara with suggested follow-up actions. Municipalities are being encouraged to form an age-friendly advisory committee to address the needs of its residents. Seven local municipalities have moved in this direction, and others are considering this step.

Niagara's demographics make seizing this opportunity particularly compelling. Niagara has one of largest percentages of older adults in Canada, with 18.8 per cent of the population over the age of 65, compared to the Ontario average of 14.2 per cent. The Niagara 55-plus population is forecast to increase to 36 per cent by 2031 from 27 per cent in 2006, in large part due to older adults from the Greater Toronto Area and from other parts of Canada finding Niagara a desirable place to live.

Communities that seize the opportunity created by this new age will reap the social and economic benefits accordingly.

— Dominic Ventresca is co-chairman of the Niagara Age-Friendly Community Network

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Nothing fills a room with scent like peonies

It's time to prune your evergreens, according to our gardening guru, Joanne Young from Mori Gardens.

Trimming them a little every year will keep them from becoming so large that you can't manage them. Now when the new growth has emerged in late spring to early summer, you can start to trim.

But this is the tricky part. Most evergreens will not rejuvenate themselves if cut back to old, bare wood. Yews are the only exception. You can only prune back to one or two year old growth, which still has existing buds. For more information, check at Mori's or check Joanne's blog: joanne-young.com.

If you are thinking, well, I want my evergreen to grow, think again. I live in Old Garrison Village and when the houses were built, the contractor obviously had a good deal on blue spruce from a nearby grower. He plunked down one or two in many of the front yards. Forty years ago they were cute and seduced the buyers into thinking they had bought their little slice of blue heaven. They were planted right up near the windows to create some privacy. These little suckers are now 40 feet high and crowding their surroundings, forcing shade gardening in our front yards. The ones which were never trimmed have developed straggly branches on the bottom third of the tree. One technique for eliminating these messy skirts is to cut off the bottom branches four to five feet off the ground. This gets rid of the dead branches, but now the trees are showing off too much leg and it ain't pretty. So prune.

It's also time to prune spring flowering shrubs like forsythia. The blooms come out next spring on new growth, so if you don't want the branches flopping all over the place, prune them back now, especially the older varieties.

While I was busy planting my annuals last week, the perennials shot through the gate at break neck speed. When I plant perennials I always keep the tags, but I never get around to keeping a record of where I planted them. I like surprises, so I don't mind. But I don't always recognize what's there until they start to look like themselves. In two or three places I found a plant that was doing extremely well, but this weekend, I realized these three plants were all at the front of the beds and they had now grown way taller than the plants behind and were soon to bloom. Sheepishly I realized I had been watering the weeds.

We wait so long for summer and I always find it a bit disconcerting when favourite plants bloom and are gone because it's all so fleeting. Tall bearded irises are one of my favourites and this year I had a white-scented beauty which has a story. I was first given this white iris around 1980 from a friend who had received hers from her grandmother and she gave me some. They grew beautifully and then as my garden was small I gave tubers to friends. Mine eventually got the dreaded iris borer, so I planted other colours and started again. But when I moved here I asked a friend to whom I'd given the white iris if I could have some for my new garden. He happily obliged and and I have reunited with an old friend. But the white irises have bloomed and gone, though I still have a few other colours blooming. However all over town I am seeing the new Itoh peonies, brassy and bold with their wonderful show of colour. Coming soon after are the old-fashioned peonies, more blousy than brassy and their smell is divine. After lilacs in a vase, nothing fills a room with scent like peonies.

I guess the way to enjoy the fact that our favourite flowers don't last long, is to stop and really enjoy them, especially with a glass of wine as you wonder around to look at them.

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Conflict of interest rules will apply to all citizen members, pursuant to the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, R.S.O., 1990, Chapter M.50, a copy of which is available for viewing at www.e-laws.gov.on.ca.

Applications submitted are subject to the provisions of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. In addition, in signing the application form, applicants are giving consent to the public disclosure of their personal information and a summary of their experience and qualifications if they are recommended for appointment.

Holly Dowd, Town Clerk
June 9, 2016

TAKE NOTICE that The Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, in accordance with By-law 4356-10 governing the sale and disposition of land, intends to sell Town surplus land Block 23 on Plan 30M – 302, Niagara-on-the-Lake, identified as Subject Property in the sketch below.

The Office of the Town Clerk will accept agreements of Purchase and Sale, identifying details for the proposed use of the subject land, until 4:00 p.m. on June 30, 2016.

For your information, as per a previous subdivision agreement, the subject property was identified for future development.

Staff will review all proposed agreements and recommend to Council the proposal deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

Holly Dowd, Town Clerk
June 9, 2016
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HOW WE GROW:
The Municipal Comprehensive Review will look at the land we have available across Niagara, and will ensure we have enough to sustain our expected growth to the year 2041. It will also examine how that land is distributed throughout Niagara.

HOW WE FLOW:
The Water and Wastewater Master Servicing Plan will ensure Niagara has the infrastructure to provide critical water and wastewater services to our growing region in a sustainable and financially responsible way.

HOW WE GO:
The Transportation Master Plan will look at how we currently travel in and around Niagara and how we can improve our transportation systems, including options for walking, cycling and public transit, to better serve Niagara's future needs.

GET INVOLVED:
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There is an opportunity at any time during this process for interested persons to bring comments and concerns to the attention of the project managers, and to review outstanding issues. If you have any questions or comments or wish to be added to the study mailing list, please contact us:

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The Transportation and Water and Wastewater studies follow the Master Plan process as outlined in Section A.2.7 of the Municipal Engineers Association (MEA) Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Oct 2000, as amended in 2007 and 2011). The Master Plan will be filed under Approach #2 of the MEA Class EA Approach for Master Planning. The Master Servicing Plan will satisfy the planning requirements for Schedule A, A+ and select Schedule B projects and provide the basis for future investigations of identified Schedule B and C projects.

The Niagara Advance

BUSINESS PROFILE 2016

Keke Boutique

There is a new boutique opening in Virgil, bringing "style to a small town."

Keke Boutique is having its grand opening this Friday, June 10 from 5 to 9 p.m., and it promises to be nothing less than spectacular.

This stylish boutique is located inside Penner Building Centre, in the loft area above the paint department. Opening night, there will be 25 per cent off all merchandise within the boutique, a free gift to the first 50 customers, and draws and prizes throughout the evening. Along with hors d'oeuvres, refreshments and dessert this will be an event you don't want to miss.

Keke Boutique is a quaint shop with lots of selection and style. There are many brand names in store for all styles and price ranges such as Nora Norway, Glamjulz, Annaleece, C'est Moi, Neon Buddha, Pure Handknit, Tofino Towel, Healing Hollow, Fringe, Carson, and more. They have a great selection of jewelry, clothing, accessories, essential oils and diffusers, candles, and giftware.

Owner Marcia Penner says opening a boutique has been something she and her daughter Kelsey have wanted to do for some time. Both have a strong passion for clothing and fashion and are excited to share that with all their customers. The boutique is named after Kelsey. Keke is a nickname given to her by her brother as a young child when he was unable to say her full name. The nickname just stuck, says Marcia, and she has been Keke ever since.

Penner Building Centre has been a thriving family business in Virgil for over 66 years. Third generation owners Kevin and his wife Marcia Penner are always looking for ways to grow and expand their business. A boutique is another step in the right direction in doing that, says Marcia. They want to give their customers variety, and create a one-stop shop for them. Not only will the boutique be quintessential to their large woman-based customers, but the gentlemen will now be able to buy their significant others gifts for every occasion while shopping for their hardware and lumber needs. Such a great option!

Go and check out Keke Boutique inside Penner Building Centre, and don't miss their grand opening this Friday, June 10, from 5 to 9 p.m.

Community helps Nina reunite with family

PENNY COLES
Niagara Advance

Richard and Elaine Alguire, recent transplants from Toronto, have learned what it's like to live in a small community with a big heart.

"I'd been told about what a warm, welcoming community this is, but I really didn't expect this. Everybody has been so amazing," said Richard, who saw first-hand how a small community comes together to help out when their beloved Nina, a gentle, loving 60-pound redbone coonhound with sad, expressive eyes, went missing.

The Alguires live in the Village, and last Wednesday, walked the block to the Village Supper Market with Nina on a leash.

They had only had her for four months, and although they don't know her history much before that, they know she was a rescue animal that had been found emaciated, weighing just 38 pounds after giving birth to a litter of pups, with heartworm and a broken leg that had healed improperly.

They had discovered Nina at a Fort Myers humane society, where they winter and where Richard volunteers.

Nina, he said, "captured my heart during our walks, and quickly captured my wife's as well."

Since they adopted her last winter, "we have been intent on giving her the best home possible. In spite of her history, she is the most loving dog we have ever had. Her behaviour Wednesday evening shocked us as she is a very gentle, calm dog. Loud noises hadn't bothered her."

But as they walked past the band that was just starting up at the supper market, the noise was so loud "Nina freaked and jumped to bolt away. She was able to twist and escape from her collar and then she ran towards our home. Unfortunately she was so frightened she ran past our home and kept right on going until she ran into the orchards off Niven Road."

They were heartbroken, and didn't want to see her back in her previous situation, fending for herself, said Richard.

In the days after her disappearance, he had many people offer to help. Retailers, wineries and local businesses allowed him to put up a poster with Nina's photo, and everywhere he went, people asked what they could do to help find her. One caller suggested organizing a search on Saturday, and they met and drew up search areas.

Luckily Nina was found Saturday morning before the search began - the areas they planned to concentrate on were all west of Niagara Stone Road, and she was discovered on the east side, around Concession 4 and Line 1, on a Mori Nursery property.

An employee working that morning had co-incidentally been at the supper market and witnessed Nina bolt off, said Richard, and a co-worker had seen a poster and knew how to reach him.

Nina was sitting on a cart with one of the employees when he pulled up, he said.

"When she saw me, she didn't run to me. She looked afraid, like I was going to be mad," said Richard.

PENNY COLES/NIAGARA ADVANCE

Richard Alguire, reunited with Nina, has learned what living in a small community can mean when you need the help of your friends and neighbors.

"I swear, she was crying. We were both crying."

He took her to see a veterinarian, and she is being treated for a sprain of her previously broken leg, which has a pin in it, and an infection.

"We are all so thrilled to have Nina back with us. I can't describe how supportive this community, our friends, neighbours, strangers, retailers and public officials have been in our search for Nina. We are so appreciative," said Richard, who tried to visit every location where he had put up a poster, so he could spread the word about Nina's return. He was overwhelmed by the reception he received as he passed on the good news, he said.

"I can't tell you how fabulous everyone has been."

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This cute bungalow situated on a deep lot boasts two bedrooms with recent updates to the kitchen and bath. Aside from the location and generous size of this lot, this property also boasts a unique feature; a fully contained, full serviced 690 sq. ft. guest house at the rear of the property.

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310 ORCHARD DRIVE $729,000

This beautiful two storey board and batton home is situated in a picturesque setting, one block from the lake in a very desirable neighbourhood. Open concept main floor with four bedrooms up. Tasteful renovations, to name only a few, include a new kitchen, 2 new bathrooms, hardwood throughout and so much more. **Chris Bowron or Audrey Wright.**

1654 YORK ROAD $799,000

Stunning escarpment views from this 2400 sq. ft. bungalow situated on a private 1 acre property. Features include large principal rooms, expansive windows, vaulted ceilings, massive stone fireplace, character wood beam construction, hardwood flooring, 3 main floor bedrooms and a large finished rec room with granny suite. This unique home offers a tranquil setting with a priceless view set in the charming village of St. David's close to QEW and the US border. **MLS N30058367. Thomas Elltoft and Kim Elltoft.**

399 MISSISSAUGA STREET $645,000

A light filled 3 + 2 bedroom end unit in a group of four freehold town homes in the heart of the Old Town. Recent updates include a stunning kitchen, three new bathrooms and gorgeous hard wood floors. Sliding doors open to a sunny terrace and perennial garden. **MLS# N30056310. Viviane Elltoft and Thomas Elltoft.**

269 BUTLER STREET $995,000

Appealing brick home with great floor plan in a private end of street location situated on a fabulous ravine lot. Features include vaulted ceiling, good sized windows, multiple sets of French doors, slate floors, central vac, main floor laundry, finished basement and back deck with views across treed ravine lot and One Mile Creek. Great opportunity to buy into this prestigious neighbourhood of estate homes bordering the golf course and lakeshore. **MLS# N30042492. Thomas Elltoft and Viviane Elltoft.**

318 VICTORIA ST. $829,000

Minimal restoration has kept this classic 1800's home pure and lovely. New furnace, newer roof. Large principal rooms with many windows and a gorgeous deep landscaped garden. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and 2 blocks from Queen St. **MLS# N30050325. Bonnie Grimm**

377 DORCHESTER STREET $749,000

Located just a short stroll from the Golf Course and sunset views over Lake Ontario. This traditional, centre hall floor plan features a spacious open concept Great Room and a formal dining room. Walk out to your fabulous terraced stone patio to enjoy your large, private backyard. **MLS# N30057491. Marilyn Francis.**

21 CREEKSIDE DRIVE $884,900

Nearly 3000sq. Beautiful new bungalow, full walkout basement! 1867sq feet on the main floor, 10' ceilings. Porcelain tiled foyer leads to open concept kitchen/dining/living space with raised deck. H/wood floors and tile throughout. Master with 5pc ensuite, two other bedrooms. Extensive pot lights, storage and high quality finishes throughout. Downstairs a further bedroom, beautiful 3pc bathroom and a huge family room. Home security, granite countertops, quality light fixtures, lots of windows, stainless appliances, big double garage. **MLS 30522881. Robert Wilkinson and Kevin Stokes**

1411 MCNAB ROAD $499,000

Lovely 2 + 1-bedroom bungalow on spectacular ravine lot just steps from Lake Ontario. The open concept main floor has large windows to take in the exceptional views, second Bedroom would make a wonderful office and has a patio door to large screened in, elevated porch. Lower level is finished with wet bar, gas fireplace, 3-piece bathroom & walk out to patio and in ground pool. **MLS# N30057584. Sarah Gleddie and Victoria Bolduc.**

61 NIAGARA STREET $549,000

Custom built home situated close to the urban boundary, vineyards, orchards and backing onto park and tennis courts. Walk into the contemporary foyer artfully designed to take advantage of natural light with an open staircase, full glass wall and multiple skylights. First floor is characterized by natural wood accents and clean lines to create an easy and comfortable living area open to the inviting back deck and advantageous views of the professionally landscaped gardens. This ideal location offers a country setting in the old town of Niagara on the Lake within walking distance of main street shops, restaurants and theatres. **MLS XN3005560. Thomas Elltoft and Kim Elltoft.**

268 SIMCOE STREET $798,000

Traditional 1.5 storey home with modern appeal offering open concept living and set on wide lot in prime location of old town. This comfortable 4 bedroom home has undergone many renovations and has over 2000 square feet of finished living space. Features kitchen with granite countertops & centre island, hardwood flooring. **MLS# N30057340. Thomas Elltoft and Kim Elltoft.**

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The work of local artist Campbell Scott, who died in 2013, is on display at RiverBrink Art Museum until the end of October.

Exhibit a reminder of Scott's 'genius'

PENNY COLES
Niagara Advance

Campbell Scott, a Niagara-on-the-Lake artist who died in 2013, is often described as a Renaissance man.

The definition - a very clever person who is good at many different things, outstandingly versatile and well-rounded - suits the man and his art, says Allan Walker, who recently finished cataloguing 2,700 pieces of Scott's work he found in the artist's house.

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A current exhibition at RiverBrink Art Museum, titled Confusion to Tension, shows the diversity of his work - from early woodblock printings to sculpture and computer drawings, although the forms of his work were much more varied than that.

A panel discussion at RiverBrink on June 11 will offer the opportunity for those who knew him to remember Scott as an artist, teacher, raconteur and friend - again, widely varying stories and descriptions of the man are expected, says Walker, who recently semi-retired to Niagara-on-the-Lake with his wife Diane.

They first learned about Scott and his work when they became involved in the annual NOTL Rotary Club Holiday House Tour, which in 2014 included Scott's house - itself considered a work of art, along with the furniture the native of Scotland also designed and built himself, the rugs he designed and wove, and the outdoor courtyard he created.

"We'd been told about Campbell and the house," said Walker. "Diane and I both appreciate art, and Diane loves architecture. Our 30-minute visit as co-captains before the tour ended up being 90 minutes."

By then, the house had been inherited by Scott's St. Catharines friends Ernie and Paula Penner, who were taken by surprise not only at being named his beneficiaries, but by the huge scope and numbers of artwork stashed in every corner of the house.

"As we got to know Ernie and Paula, we realized it was a mixed blessing for them," said Walker. "They were struggling with what to do with the collection. They weren't prepared for what they discovered, so I offered to help inventory and catalogue it for them."

While Walker had retired from a "fairly demanding job" as a consultant for IBM, he found the project he undertook for the Penners challenging to begin with, and then tedious as the months went on, as he organized the work, counting, categorizing and listing what he found on spread sheets.

Scott, who had taught carpentry to high school students for 35 years, had also traveled extensively. He had a number of hobbies - he loved wilderness canoeing, was a sailor, a gardener, a poet and a Scottish dancer. He was also a successful graphic artist, sculptor, jewelry designer and potter. He even knitted wool sweaters which he designed himself.

He studied in Paris, Copenhagen, Poland and Japan with renowned artists, and his work is displayed in The British and the Victoria and Albert Museums in London, the Bibliotheque National in Paris, the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art and other galleries throughout Europe and North America.

Walker learned to identify and categorize Scott's work, much of it with duplicate titles, by the time and place it was created, he said.

"I found categories, put things together, and catalogued it in what seemed like a cogent and logical way. I became familiar with the work by connecting the art to Campbell's travel, and I also became close to Ernie and Paula. I came to understand why they are ready for a simple life."

The Penners have put the Byron Street house up for sale, ready to move to the next stage of their lives, but there is a hope it could continue to be a gallery for Scott's work, privately or community-owned, likely including other artists but with "Campbell as its anchor and heart."

There have been some discussions with interested parties, but nothing definite yet, says Walker.

Meanwhile, the RiverBrink exhibit, featuring a good representation of Scott's work, is a way to re-introduce the artist to NOTL and those who come to visit, Walker said.

The discussion Saturday, June 11 at 3 p.m., is an opportunity to hear and collect stories about Scott that will help to introduce the work and the man.

"I never actually met him, but I feel I got to know him through his work. I hope the exhibition will help re-introduce him, sell his art work and maintain his image as a genius."

The exhibition continues to Oct. 29. The museum, 116 Queenston St. at the Niagara River Parkway, is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Indigenous issues topic of film and seminar at museum

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Cultural advisor Celeste Smith will help open the second of the Niagara Historic Museum's Five and Dime Film and Music series as it continues under the stars Monday. The museum is presenting We Were Children, an award-winning film telling the true story of two young survivors of the residential school system.

Coming up next week at the Niagara Historical Society are two events with the theme of indigenous issues.

The museum's Five and Dime Film and Music Series is presenting We Were Children, Monday, June 13, directed by Tim Wolochatiuk and written by Jason Sherman, both from Toronto.

We Were Children is a multi-award-winning, emotional film that tells the true story of two young survivors of the residential school system, Lyna Hart and Glen Anaquod.

"While some of it may not be easy to watch, it's absolutely essential that we do," says Amy Klassen, historical society administrator.

" We wanted to include a theme on indigenous issues, and this is a film about a missing period of history. It is a film about truth."

Kelly Fran Davis and Celeste Smith, both Haudensaunee from the Niagara region, will open the evening with a blessing. As facilitators, teachers indigenous consultants and cultural advisors, they will incorporate traditional native practices to assist the audience in understanding more about the impact of this film, and this period in Canada's history, Klassen says.

They will be joined by Sam Thomas, (Six Nations of the Grand River- Cayuga), who will introduce his Doors to Dialogue project, a collaborative arts project using traditional crafts to open doors to healing.

The renowned Six Nations of the Grand River drummer and singer Phil Davis will close the evening with an Honour Song.

The Five and Dime Film and Music Series will kick off at about 8:45 p.m. Bring a lawn chair and refreshments. Popcorn is 10 cents a bag, and admission is by donation (suggested $5).

On Wednesday, the museum will present a seminar on understanding the foundational relationship between the settlers and the indigenous nations of Niagara.

"Understanding the truth is the first step toward building a nation that is truly based on inclusivity, equality, and justice", says event co-organizer Hermine Steinberg.

Truth & Reconciliation: Planting the Seeds for Dialogue is facilitated by local Indigenous educators Kelly Fran Davis (frantastichealth.com) and Celeste Smith, with music by Niagara's Strong Water Women's Drum Group and a tasting of local Indigenous foods by Karl Dockstader.

Seminar participants can expect to learn about historical relationships and agreements as well as the recommendations made by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Registration is $25 which includes food tastings and materials; advance registration is required. The seminar runs from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, June 15.

For more information visit www.niagarahistorical.museum or call 905-468-3912. The museum is located at 43 Castlereagh Street and is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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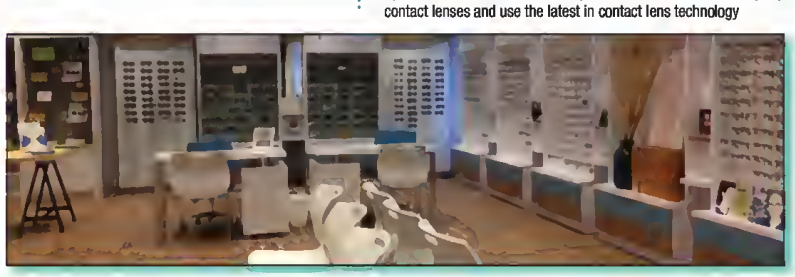

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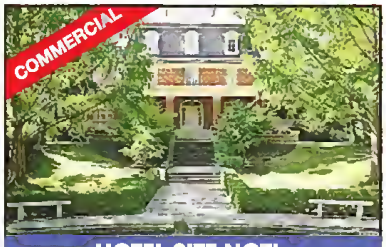

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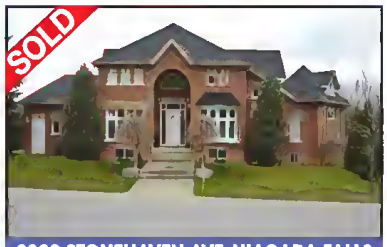

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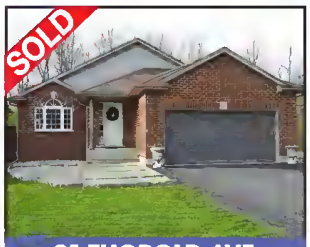

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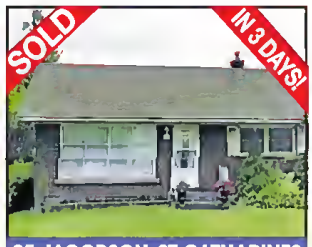

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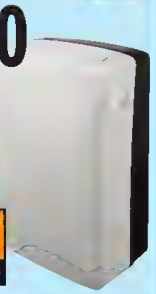

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Pindrop Hearing Centres to Offer New Oticon Opn™ Technology: The World's First Internet Connected Hearing Aid With Precise Sound Processing That Reduces Stress on the Brain

Pindrop Hearing Centres has announced that it will begin offering its patients Oticon Opn™, a breakthrough technology that offers two wireless communications systems in one and is the world's first Internet-connected hearing aid, on June 6.

The new Oticon Opn™, hearing aids are proven to enable people with hearing loss to experience 20% less listening effort, remember 20% more and enjoy 30% better speech understanding.

"Technological limitations of current hearing aids have led to the use of tunnel directionality: Speech coming from the front is clear, whereas the rest of the sound environment is suppressed," said Dr. David Patterson, Au.D., R.Aud, Aud(c) and Director of Audiology for Pindrop Hearing Centres across Canada. "This results in a limited, narrowed and artificial listening experience."

The new Oticon Opn™ is fast and precise enough to analyze and follow the soundscape and differentiate between sounds. Even in complex listening environments, this allows Oticon Opn™ to constantly open up and balance individual sounds to deliver a rich and meaningful soundscape, empowering the brain to choose on which sounds to focus.

"Users can now focus on a conversation while staying attentive to people and things around them and switch focus quickly and easily," said Dr. Patterson. "Traditional directionality has become a thing of the past and users can communicate more effectively and be more socially active, all while being connected to the Internet. It's ground breaking technology. We are very excited to be offering this robust solution to our clients."

Powered by the ultra-fast and precise Velox™ platform, the newest BrainHearing™ solution from Oticon employs an "open sound" approach, expertly managing multiple speech and noise sources, even in complex listening situations. The new Open Sound Navigator™ scans the environment 100 times per second to analyze and balance every sound individually. Environmental sounds are accessible but not disturbing.

"Oticon Opn™ is the first hearing aid proven to make it easier on the brain," said Don Schum, PhD, Vice President of Audiology and Professional Relations for Oticon, Inc. "In testing using pupillometry, a well-recognized measure of stress on the brain, Opn users experienced 20% less listening effort when trying to understand speech. Additional studies show that because Oticon Opn users have freed up mental resources, they are able to remember 20% more of what is said. Testing also shows that Opn increases speech understanding, the parameter most important to users, by 30% over other Oticon hearing solutions."

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The new OpenSound Navigator scans, analyzes and reacts to sounds in the environment more than 100 times per second. Thanks to this superior processing power, Opn is able to continually analyze and balance sounds, removing noise, even between words. Users can now follow the sounds they want to hear and shift attention when desired. Surrounding sounds are available but not intrusive so users can focus on the sounds they want to hear even in noisy situations.

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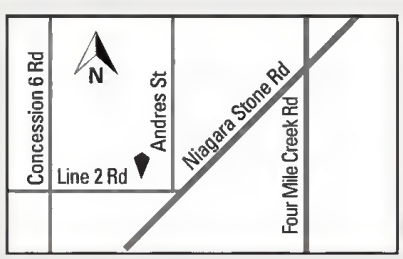
Pindrop Hearing Centres will begin providing its clients with this innovative and ground breaking new technology at all locations across Canada starting on June 6.

For more information contact Pindrop Hearing Centres



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Bones likes aura of mystery

PENNY COLES
Niagara Advance

The Niagara IceDogs are finished for the season, but the work of Bones, their popular mascot, continues.

The Ice Dogs had a great run to an Ontario Hockey League championship, but that came to an end with a 4-0 series loss to London. Bones, however, remains the mascot of the the 2016 Eastern Conference champions, and will continue making public appearances on behalf of the team over the summer.

His schedule is especially hectic now as he visits schools across the region before the end of the school year, and then it slows down a little over the summer, but he continues to work, developing new ways of entertaining the home game crowds when the hockey season begins again.

Bones, as anyone who has been close to him would know, doesn't talk - he uses body and sign language to express himself.

But the man inside the impressive costume likes to chat about the new career he began almost a decade ago - one the former private investigator never imagined for himself.

One of the aspects he enjoys about taking on the persona of Bones is that the man behind the mascot remains a mystery. While his close friends know what he does for a living now, those who represent the Ice Dogs like to think of Bones as part of the brand. The best way to respect that desire is to retain the anonymity of the mascot, he said.

He does admit to living in Niagara-on-the-Lake, and having the occasional beer at Silk's Country Kitchen. During the season, there were a few players billeted with NOTL families, and would have a meal at Silks, he says. He's friends with Joel Dempsey, owner of Silk's, who came onboard as a sponsor of the Ice Dogs and their new flag, and dropped in to the Virgil restaurant last week to display the Ice Dogs' OHL Bobby Orr trophy as a thank-you for the sponsorship.

He has appeared at events as Bones, he says, and then will remove the costume and return to chat with people who have no idea they've just been talking to him - as Bones, and that, to him, is part of the fun of being a mascot.

After all, once in costume, he can be whoever he wants to be.

"I've developed the character, and everything about the character, myself," he explains.

The first time he became Bones was a stroke of serendipity. He was attending the 2007 Grape and Wine Parade with a friend who was associated with the hockey team, which had just arrived in St. Catharines and was participating in the parade. The costume for a mascot had been made and was there, but there was nobody to wear it, he said.

"I volunteered, and I've never looked back. It was like a get-out-of-jail free card. It became my full-time job, and I get to do things people wouldn't normally do - things I wouldn't normally do - and get away with it."

He attends every home game and has a busy schedule of public relation and fundraising events when he's not at a game, and has had the opportunity to interact with people from every walk of life, he says.

"The number of people I've met is insane, including childhood heros - Bobby Orr, Don Cherry, and countless NHL players."

Bones has had to learn to walk in costume without running into people - at the beginning that was a challenge, and he would knock over objects, even children, who were hard to see if he didn't keep his head down.

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Bones, the Ice Dogs mascot, dropped in to Silk's Country Kitchen with the Bobby Orr Cup, to thank Joel Dempsey for support for the club and a new team flag.

Popular mascot lives in Virgil

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He's even learned to skate in costume - that is fairly recent, he says. He can now take the flag and skate a few laps around the arena without falling, although he's still pretty cautious on the ice.

"Each game is planned out ahead of time so I can maximize my time in the stands and visit the corporate boxes," he says. "I've learned a lot - how not to fall, and not to push myself. I used to overheat all the time. I'm better at pacing myself now. I haven't' fallen in two years, but i had to learn to carry the flag on the ice - that's something new."

He's also learned Bones can get away with saying things he wouldn't without the costume.

"I've always been a "jokey" kind of person, but Bones amplifies that a lot. He can cross that line that I wouldn't - at least up to a point, he can."

That's what makes the job interesting, and what makes for a popular mascot, he says.

"He has an ability to talk to anyone - from babies to adult drunks. People have a lot of fun with Bones, and Bones has fun with them."

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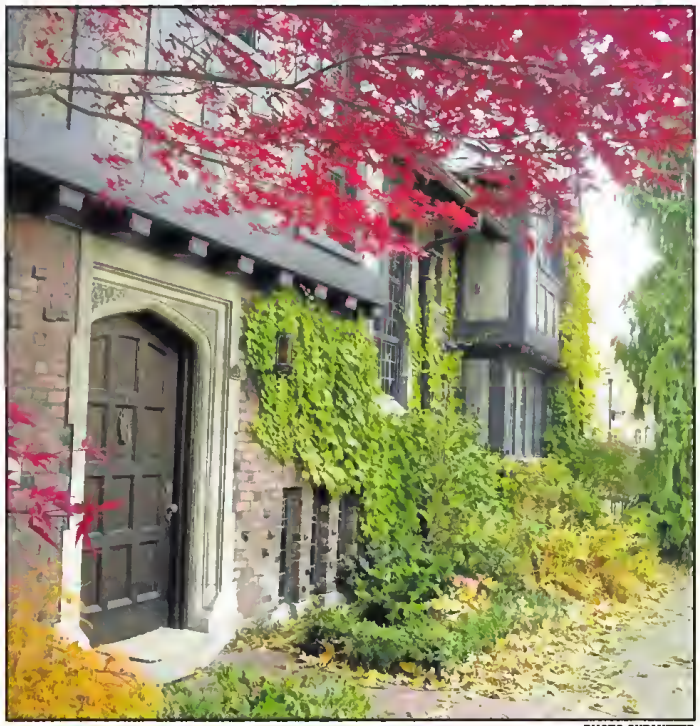

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Willowbank will host Domestic Gems, an exhibition devoted to the works of the architectural firm of Nicholson and Macbeth who designed many Niagara buildings, including this one on Yates Street in St. Catharines. The exhibition runs until Aug. 27 in the former Laura Secord public school in Queenston.

Architectural display at Willowbank

During the months of June to August, Willowbank will host Domestic Gems, an exhibition devoted to the works of the architectural firm of Nicholson and Macbeth.

Through much of the 20th century, these two architects left Niagara with many distinguished buildings.

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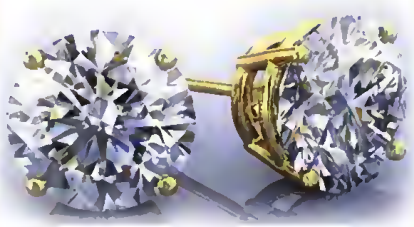

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Architectural display at Willowbank

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A.E Nicholson was responsible for the design of the 1914 portion of the former Laura Secord School (currently Willowbank's lower campus) which is where the exhibition will be taking place. He was also responsible for the major alterations that were made to the Willowbank Estate house when the Bright family owned the property in the 1930s.

The exhibition was created through the efforts of the Niagara Society of Architects. The works of A.E Nicholson and R.I. Macbeth will be on exhibit at Willowbank's lower campus, the former Laura Secord School Building located at Walnut St. in Queenston.

The opening reception of the exhibit will be held on June 11, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. with presentations starting at 7 p.m. Light refreshments and snacks will be served, along with the opportunity to learn about the works of two of Niagara's finest architects.

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Revving up for Dad

PENNY COLES
Niagara Advance

The roar of motorcycle engines will be heard in Niagara-on-the-Lake next Saturday, as about 200 riders rev up to raise money for prostate cancer research.

The Telus Motorcycle Ride for Dad begins at 9 a.m. June 18 from the Royal Canadian Legion Hall on King Street.

The ride is a Canada-wide event started by police officers 15 years ago, but funds raised from the local ride stay in the area to support prostate cancer research and awareness. Since 2000, the Telus Ride For Dad has donated more than $15 million for the Prostate Cancer Fight Foundation across the country.

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Mathew King, a detective constable with the Niagara Regional Police and one of the event organizers, explained the money will fund a SABR technology trial, an advanced radiation treatment for prostate cancer that reduces the number of treatments from 39 to just five.

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By stepping up as the *It's Our Time* Campaign's Honorary Co-Chair and lead donor to the new regional cancer centre, John's leadership and philanthropy galvanized support behind the largest healthcare fundraising campaign ever undertaken in Niagara at the time. Beyond the funding support that he was quick to extend, John threw his heart, soul and influence into bringing world-class cancer care to Niagara, and in doing so left his mark on Niagara in a way that won't soon be forgotten.

The Walker Family Cancer Centre represents only one of many healthcare initiatives John helped to spearhead. Throughout his life, John looked for opportunities to use his means and talents to benefit others – a philanthropist in the truest sense of the word.

Following in the footsteps of generations of community-minded family members, John exemplified what it means to be a builder – not only as it relates to infrastructure, but also to the vital community services that enrich our health and quality of life. For this, all Niagarans owe him a debt of gratitude.

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Zika Virus headed our way this summer

Brazil has been going through troubled times recently.

What with the cost overruns, corruption and shenanigans associated with the World Cup extravaganza and now the upcoming Olympics, an economy going down the drain, a contested presidency, Brazil didn't need the Zika virus to complicate the mess. But unfortunately Brazilians now have the Zika virus to contend with, as do much of South America, Central America and North America to come.

The Zika virus may be a newcomer to the Western Hemisphere but it was first isolated from rhesus monkeys in Uganda as early as 1947 and caused the first human illness in Nigeria in 1953. Over the next several decades the Zika virus caused fewer than twenty cases, only for the disease to erupt in French Polynesia three years ago and soon thereafter in South East Asia and the Pacific Islands before making its way to South America in March of 2015.

The incubation period is unknown but clinically the disease is often asymptomatic or at the most, associated with mild symptoms and findings such as a rash, fever, joint pain, conjunctivitis, muscle soreness, headache, and occasionally swelling in the legs, and vomiting. However when the disease struck French Polynesia it was occasionally (1 in 1000 cases) associated with Guillain-Barre syndrome - an autoimmune inflammatory neuritis - which may cause paralysis in the limbs and sometimes difficulties breathing.

But it was in Brazil that the first cases of microcephaly were reported. Mothers who contracted the virus in the late first trimester or early second trimester of their pregnancy carried a significantly higher risk of miscarriages or giving birth to children whose brains were badly deformed and much smaller than normal. Imaging studies in utero revealed shrunken, poorly developed cerebral hemispheres, cerebellum, brainstem and even spinal cord. The magnitude and nature of the abnormalities strongly suggested that the Zika virus had struck at a key time during the development of the brain.

And that's precisely what was found. Using 'mini brains' created in the laboratory with stem cells, evidence in March of this year clearly showed that the Zika virus struck and killed many of the progenitor cells (stem cells), responsible for making brain cells (neurons) and hence the failure of much of the brain, to develop properly.

Moreover some of the enzymes released by the dying cells killed off neighboring budding neurons. It was a perfect storm in the lab model and the obvious explanation for why the brains of infected fetuses were so devastated by the disease. The virus is transmitted by one of two mosquito culprits, both of which transmit the virus in a human to mosquito to human cycle, and usually in an urban environment as was the case in Brazil. There is another wrinkle with Zika. Zika can be sexually transmitted.

The worrisome thing is that as of March of 2016, both these mosquitos had been found throughout much of the Eastern and the Southern Western United States That doesn't mean that as yet they're carrying the Zika virus but it's only a matter of time. The same mosquitos have also been shown to transmit Dengue fever, a thoroughly nasty viral infection and Chikungunya virus both of which diseases have been found in Florida and the south in the US. With warming climates, it's only a matter of time before these and other formally tropical diseases make their way to Canada. Unfortunate too is the fact that so far we have no vaccine for Zika. And we still don't have reliable, quick, tests for identifying the presence of the virus or the antibody responses to the virus.

Prevention is the key. Here that means getting rid of standing pools of water as in rain barrels, old tires or any where water can sit and act as an ideal breeding ground for the virus around the home or workplace.

The mosquitos carrying Zika tend to bite in the daytime rather than the evening and night and so wearing some mosquito deterrent like Deet is probably a good idea in the daytime.

Best would be to kill off the mosquitos by creating sterile females or male mosquitos using CRISPR-Cas9 gene-editing technologies combined with gene drive, a technique for spreading the edits quickly throughout the entire species within a few generations, effectively in this case - killing off all the mosquitos. The technology and others exist but there's some resistance to employing such an effective method as CRISPR-Cas9 and gene drive which might render entire species of mosquitos extinct, with perhaps unintended consequences.

In the meantime be careful when traveling to South America and the Caribbean these days and look around your home to get rid of those standing puddles of water.

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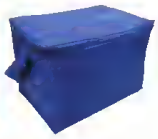

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T-Hawks in first place

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Each team has played 15 games, with the T-Hawks (11 wins and 4 losses) remaining on top of the Southwest division. The T-Hawks have their own destiny in their hands, as they still have a home and away series against the Rebels.

In recent action the T-Hawks defeated the visiting Hamilton Bengals 12-7 and then traveled to Wallaceburg where they defeated the Red Devils 10-4. Hunter Lemieux had the hot hand against Hamilton with a seven-point, four goals and three assists night.

Zach Luis added five points (three goals and two assists), with Matt Mines tallying four assists.

Zac Dubuc scored a pair with singles going to Mike Sanzone, Chris Weier, and Robert McMicking.

In Wallaceburg Lemieux's five assists led all scorers with Luis turning in another hat trick. Mines had a four-point night (one goal, three assists) with Dubuc and Mario Caito scoring twice. James Stenzel, and Derek Merza each added a single. Goaltender Keelan Buis played well in both games.

The T-Hawks are at Home for the next 3 games. London is in Town on Saturday June 11 at 7pm; Owen Sound comes in on Sunday June 12 at 4pm and the T-Hawks play Welland on Tuesday May 14 at 8pm. Don't forget to tell a friend, and come on out and watch some exciting lacrosse.

Recycling for Red Roof

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Moe Bjorgan, Steffanie Bjorgan, Claire Ellsworth and Isaac Bjorgan (kneeling) of Red Roof Retreat, with Niagara Medical Centre owner Anthony Annunziata, Sean Simpson of Simpson's Pharmasave and Lord Mayor Pat Darte help out at the fourth annual electronics recycling day and barbecue for Red Roof, held in the parking lot of the medical centre Saturday. Although the final weight of recycled material was not known, the event was expected to raise about $2,000 for Red Roof, which offers day programs and respite care for special needs children and young adults.

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Obituaries

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Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your ownunderstanding. In all your waysacknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.
Proverbs 3:5

WINTER, Hedy - On June 4, 2016, our mom quietly passed away at the age of 79, in her home with her dear husband Henry at her side. Predeceased by her mother and father, Maria and David Neufeld, brother Victor and sister Hertha. Mom was born on April 20,1937 in Hamberg, Ukraine and emigrated to Canada with her mother, sister and brother to start a new life after the war. 58 years of marriage brought her 5 daughters, many grandchildren and great grandchildren. She relished her role as a stay at home mom and supportive wife to Henry. As well, her faith and trust in God was something that never wavered and was a constant throughout her years. She loved Jesus. Hedy enjoyed baking and cooking up a storm and many guests were the recipients of this talent. Hedy leaves to mourn her loving husband Henry and a brother Henry (Anne) Neufeld. Daughters Rose (Ken) Bartel, Lily (Larry) Falk, Judy (Forrest) Miller, Lisa (Dave) Schellenberg, and Heidi (Jason) Willms. In addition, 16 grandchildren have been blessed with an amazing Oma, as well as 4 (almost 5) great grandchildren. Visitation and a Celebration of Life service was held on Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at Orchard Park Bible Church.

Obituaries

TEPHI MAZIE PEPE
November 24, 1925 - May 22, 2016
"We do not lose the ones we love; they only go before".

With much sadness we announce the passing of one of Niagara's more colourful citizens and a proud Newfoundlander. Tephi Pepe (Greene) journeyed to Niagara Falls as a teenager after the war.† She was employed as a waitress at the Refectory Restaurant above the Falls.† At that time, she met Joseph Pepe, an Italian immigrant, who had been the manager of the Clifton Hotel, once situated at the base of Clifton Hill.† Joseph later bought the Rapids Hotel on the Niagara Parkway where Tephi was hired on as a waitress.† She became more than a hired hand as they married and planned to start a family.† Niagara-on-the-Lake was chosen as the ideal spot to raise children.† They purchased a home 360 Simcoe Street where their son Gerald was born.† Shortly after the couple purchased the Howse Grocery Store, at 242 Mary Street, then to become Pepe's Grocery and Imperial Esso.† They were a hard working & community oriented couple.† Their second child, Mary Jane was born and their family complete.† Tephi worked with the girl guides and brownie pack in town and volunteered selflessly for the Canadian Cancer Society, St. John's Ambulance disaster relief efforts.† Together they were very socially active in the community, particularly for the Centennial Celebration in 1967.† As well as operating the store, Joseph proudly served four terms on town council and one term as Deputy Reeve for the township of Niagara.† Tephi was a stay at home mom and loved her extensive flower gardens.† As her husband aged and passed away in 1977, Tephi was confronted with running the family business, until selling in 1982.†Now the Willow Bakery and strip mall sits at this location but is still referred to by locals as "Pepe's Corner". Tephi retired to Chautauqua and later to St. Catharines to begin the next phase of her life. She met PEI native, Gerard Arsenault who has been by her side to the present.† She was to the end as sharp as a tack.† Tephi was born in Bishops Falls, Newfoundland and is the last surviving member of her colourful family and lived with longevity.† Predeceased by her mother Elsie, father Joseph, loving sisters Vera, Dorothy, Daphne and Olga and brothers Geddes, Garnet, Boyce, Gilbert & Edward. She leaves behind lots of memories and love for son Gerald, wife Jude, their children Jocelyn, Justin, Jody (Arran), great grandchildren Mia, Kingston, Cadence Ellery, Will, Kate and Harper Skye, daughter Mary Jane and friend Tammy, granddaughter Larissa (Nathan), great grandchildren Terrel and Naliyah.† She loved them all from the tips of their fingers to the tips of their toes. Also survived and remembered by a loving family of Italian American relatives. A private viewing was held at Morgan Funeral Home, previously called the Barbary†Lodge where Tephi also waitressed.
Tephi, a mythical Irish queen 583 BC,†has come home to rest.

"We do not lose the ones we love; God takes them in his care".

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Raiders football finds home in Virgil

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Niagara Advance

Burlington's loss is Niagara's gain.

A Canadian Junior Football League team, formerly the Burlington Braves, has moved to Niagara and will start the August season as the Niagara Regional Raiders.

Brad Anderson, the former Braves' head coach and general manager, says the team, which had a history of almost 60 years, was having trouble recruiting players and administrative volunteers, and Niagara seemed like the ideal location to start over.

"We were facing operational challenges," he said, explaining the team was losing players after high school, and when he heard there might be an opportunity for another team to play at the Kiwanis Park in St. Catharines, he decided to make the move.

But while the team will play in St. Catharines, they will practise three times a week in Virgil, at the former public school site on Four Mile Creek Road, and have their film study night in the old double gymnasium.

He hopes to recruit a total of 45 to 55 players, from 20 high schools, Brock University and Niagara College - players aged 19 to 23 can come from anywhere in the Niagara Region, he said - but at the moment has about 25 expected to be part of the summer training camps.

Choosing Virgil as its practice location was a matter of finances - he got a good deal to use the property - but will also to give the players a sense of belonging, he said.

"They have to have a sense of home, and Virgil is a good fit for us."

The first camp will be held July 16 and 17, with more to follow, he said.

Their first home game at Kiwanis Field is Aug. 21, against the Hamilton Hurricanes.

"We expect great support in Virgil. We hope people will bring a lawn chair and come out to watch our practices," he said, assuring potential spectators it will be good football to watch, with players in the feeding system for the CFL and CNF programs.

Other teams in the league are the London Beefeaters, GTA Grizzlies, Windsor AKO Fratmen, Ottawa Sooners and Grand River Predators.

"It should be great, entertaining football. The players are the best of the best from high school."

In addition to players, he's also looking for sponsorships and volunteers, including coaches, for the not-for-profit organization - money to support it comes from three major fundraisers a year and player registration, to cover a budget of $75,000, he said.

For more information visit NiagaraRegionalRaidersFoothal.com or call Anderson at 905-933-1044.

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Brad Anderson, head coach and general manage of the new Niagara Regional Raiders Canadian Junior Football League team, is looking forward to the start of training camp on the former Virgil Public School property.

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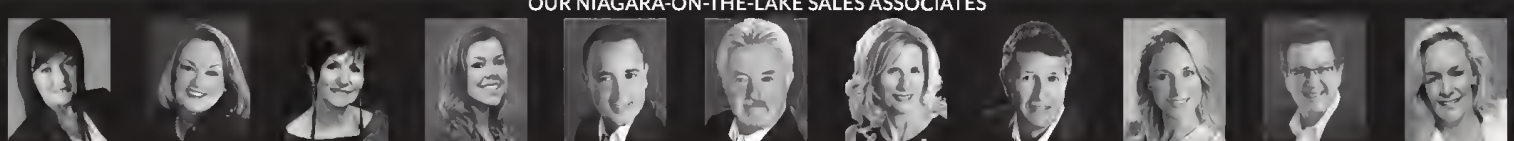

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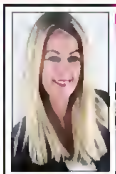

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